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The strength of 17,000 to 18,000 men was stationed in Prora. The personnel of the division had come from KVPDs all over the zone. The division comprised: 3 infantry regiments; 1 artillery and 1 tank Kommando (B and C); 1 special AT battalion (IV); 1 special AAA battalion (V); 1 signal battalion (D-1); 1 engineer battalion (D-2); 1 motorcycle battalion (S-1); 1 medical unit; 1 chemical defense platoon; 1 bakery company; 1 motor vehicle maintenance company; 1 headquarters company; 1 driver school; and 1 motor vehicle repair shop. Each infantry regiment allegedly included an artillery battalion. The B-Kommando included sound ranging and flash ranging teams and a headquarters battery.

2. authorized strengths of the
~~component units of the divisions~~ 25X1

1 to 3 infantry regiments	2,400	men	each	
B Kommando	800	"	"	
C Kommando	800	"	"	
D-1 battalion	200	"	"	
D-2 battalion	200	"	"	
E-1 battalion	200	"	"	
E-4 battalion	400	"	"	
E-5 battalion	400	"	"	
Headquarters company	200	"	"	
Chemical defense platoon	50	"	"	
Bakery company	55	"	"	
Driver school	200	"	"	
Motor vehicle maintenance company	80	"	"	2

3. Officers of the division included: 25X1

General Pilz	Commanding general of the Verband, who had been in the U.S.S.R. for four weeks
Lieutenant Colonel Roehr	Deputy to Pilz

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Major Mueller

Chief of staff.
The previous chief of staff, Lieutenant Colonel Brucker, who was arrested about early February 1953, allegedly because he was connected to former Foreign Minister Bertinger

Captain Janischen

Deputy to Major Mueller

Captain Lehnhardt

Commanding officer of the 1st Inf Regt

Captain Wolf

Commanding officer of the 2d Inf Regt

Major Schmidt

Commanding officer of the B Kommando

Major Herr

Previously commanding officer of the motorcycle battalion. He was arrested in early February 1953

4. Most of the heavy weapons of the Verband were parked in the open north and south of the athletic field near the quarters of the Soviet unit. [redacted] 120 to 150 T-34 tanks were available. Artillery pieces available for training purposes in small numbers included 122-mm howitzers, 76-mm guns, 45-mm and 75-mm AT guns and 120-mm AA guns. In December 1952, the last German weapons were shipped away, allegedly to Dobrilugk near Kirchhain. 4

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5. Weapons, mostly of Soviet type, observed on 12 February 1953 at the ordnance depot of the division included:

Pistols	378
Submachine guns	4,215
Carbines	3,332
Light machine guns	459
Heavy machine guns	162
Medium mortars	81
Heavy mortars	18
AA machine guns	42
45-mm AT guns	18
57-mm AT guns	18
37-mm AA guns	24
76-mm guns	48
122-mm howitzers	16
Tank machine guns	154
SP guns	18
Tank guns	94

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6. The various component units of the Verband conducted their training independently of each other. Each component unit conducted NCO courses for the training of cadres. Firing with machine guns, carbines and submachine guns was practiced at the target range. Firing with live ammunition from heavy weapons was being prepared. However, the ammunition required was not yet available. On 1 February 1953, ammunition stocks consisted exclusively of 140,000 rounds of rifle ammunition and 80,000 rounds of pistol ammunition.

7. [redacted] combined arms exercises of the KVP were to be held in Bad Kleinen-Berlin area from August to December 1953.

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8. An agent of the State Security Service was assigned to each component unit of the Verband in Prora. 5

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9. Lieutenant Colonel Ehlers was appointed chief of the VP komendaturas established in Binz, Bergen and Stralsund. It is the mission of these komendaturas to control the military discipline of traveling VP men.⁶
1. Comment. A division of Armeegruppe Nord is stationed in Prora. The composition of this division refers to the status of October 1952 and essentially agrees with the organization of the Soviet motorized rifle division. The designation of the special VP units was reported for the first time. 25X1 25X1
2. Comment. These figures essentially agree with the war-time strengths of the component units of the Soviet motorized rifle division which consists of 10,800 men. The surplus personnel is probably for the activation of further divisions. 25X1
3. Comment. In September 1952, General Pilz was replaced by Lieutenant Colonel Roehr. Captain Lehnhardt, Captain Wolf and Major Schmidt are confirmed in their assignment. Lieutenant Colonel Brucker's arrest was reported previously. 25X1
4. Comment. This corresponds to the weapons equipment of the Soviet motorized rifle division. 25X1
5. Comment. This measure was allegedly taken after Lieutenant Colonel Brucker's arrest. 25X1
6. Comment. The establishment of VP komendaturas which had the missions of a military police was reported by several VP deserters. 25X1

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